

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Rafferty, Richard A.** Case: **VM/002**

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Examiner: **Le, Huyen D.** Group Art Unit: **2615**

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Title: **HEARING AID THAT FACILITATES REMOVAL OF EARWAX AND TRAPPING OF MOISTURE**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 12, 2011

In response to the Office Action dated April 12 2011, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on Sunday, June 12, 2011, extended to Monday, June 13, 2011, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, such as extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.